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1. In order to explain the incidents cited in the following report, it is deemed necessary to describe the route followed by Jewish refugees from Budapest into Austria, over the Szombathely road. The convoys leave Budapest in trucks under the guidance of Bricha or Jewish Agency "messengers". They arrive in Szombathely (Steinamanger), where Russian officers of Non-coms use Russian Army trucks to transport them into Austria. The route followed is Szombathely-Rechnitz or Szombathely-Duernbach. Another road followed is Kormend to Szentgotthardt, from there to St. Martin and then to Fehring. The portion of Austria adjacent to this part of the Hungarian border is Burgenland and occupied by the Russians. This, puts the British in a **powerless position to watch the Russians help Jews enter Austria illegally** and nothing could be done about it until the present. Once the Jews are inside Burgenland they entruck in Austrian private trucks and under the guidance of their convoy-leaders, arrive in Vienna, having traveled all the way in Russian "safe" territory. The British can only interfere when the convoy wants to travel over Graz and then to Vienna. The FSS at the Anglo-Russian border then arrests the convoy. A "Hungarian" convoy sometimes also gets arrested when the convoy, wanting to choose a different road from some others, who are crossing at the same time somewhere else, crosses immediately from Hungarian territory into the British-occupied zone.

2. A convoy traveling two days ago from Szentgotthardt (Hungary) right into the British zone, was stopped by the British and the entire party, numbering about 80 persons, was arrested. The leaders were arrested. The Jews came from Rumania. One Jewish refugee apparently well versed in matters of clandestine emigration from Rumania "spilled the beans" to the British FSS. The information gathered from the interrogation of above named refugee and from other in the party was passed by the British to the NKVD officer at the Russo-Hungarian frontier for future collaboration in stopping these convoys. (Information passed by Jewish NKVD men to CONDUCTOR's boys at the frontier).

3. The FSS has taken official action to cooperate completely with the NKVD border troops to stop the immigration on the road from Szentgotthardt into Burgenland, either to Fehring or to Furstenfeld. An officer and some men from the nearest RKU of the NKVD came down to arrest the Bricha men stationed at Furstenfeld. The latter warned by the NKVD-captain stationed there, fled and are now safely in CONDUCTOR's camp in the Frankgasse.

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